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[redacted] I'd like you to work the implementation of the Restrictions and Oversight provisions of Executive Order 11905 -- paragraphs 5 and 6.

The main subject area is domestic surveillance activities. Points to consider are:

1. We do not establish intelligence collection requirements, either plant or signal, domestically. If ever tasked, it is by the requirements community, through the USIB structure. Furthermore, we do not exploit intelligence data. What we do domestically is engineering test and evaluation. And thereby keeps our problem. Although we feel fully confident that our activities are above reproach and not intended to be affected by Section 5 of EO 11905, we believe (the DDO) that we need to bring our activities to the attention of the proper authority for approval or concurrence.

2. SAPSP has prepared a good paper which covers many points of both plant and signal testing domestically. [redacted] Col [redacted] has prepared a good paper also. [redacted] is the contact on signal, but I had told him to hold off on preparing a paper (we may not need one from him). Programs Board C need to be contacted; I haven't talked to them on this subject.

3. Ma[redacted] is our [redacted] now, and we [illegible] some [redacted]

Jim Hill is also involved. We briefed [redacted] and [redacted], the Intelligence Oversight Board staff members on the NRO; they agree that we need to go forward for an interpretation on the NRO domestic tasking activities. (They also said that IOB instructions for reporting should be out in May, with the first report due in July.)

4. Our request for interpretation of our activities should be prepared for Mr. Plummer's signature to the OSD General Counsel, Mr. Boyle. The working contact on his staff is Mr. Bob Andrews.

5. The E.O. calls for intended implementing instructions to be "promptly issued." We should work toward having a paper in Mr Plummer's hands by 7 May -- earlier if possible, but not a "crash" effort by any means.

I'm available for consultation —

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